

ParishNews



Blessed Sacrament Parish Heavitree Exeter
8 April 2018 2nd Sunday of Easter. Psalter 2



After the joys of Easter Sunday and Easter Week, we settle down into the longest Season in the Church's Year - Eastertide. This period of fifty days is a time of sustained gladness, which comes through reading and reflecting on the scriptures which describe the risen life of Jesus – not just his appearances to the disciples after the Resurrection, but the teachings from his ministry which reveal the risen life he now possesses. We also spend time

hearing about how the Resurrection made a difference: how the timid and frightened disciples were able to leave Jerusalem and proclaim a message of life over death to the whole world, as we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles. We also linger over the first letter of St John, which ties together so many of the themes of Easter: life, faith, baptism, the Spirit - all brought together in the person of the Lord Jesus, risen from the dead. On this second Sunday, we continue in 'real time', by hearing what happened in Jerusalem on the Sunday after the Resurrection when the Lord appeared to Thomas strengthening his faith, and strengthening ours as we listen to the account.

Divine Mercy Sunday

A Divine Mercy service will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Church on today at 3.00pm. Fr John Watkins will be the celebrant and it will be preceded by confessions at 2.30pm. Refreshments will be served in the St Richard Reynolds Centre afterwards and all are welcome.

We welcome in baptism...

Jasmine Cox and Marley Baden-Moore Hudson who will be baptised into the church community this Sunday. We pray for them, their families and Godparents.

Easter Offerings

Many thanks for all your offerings. Envelopes are still available in the porch and may be returned with any of the collections. These are for your personal contribution to the parish clergy.

livesimply

Livesimply tip of the week: When you do your shopping, if possible, try to avoid buying fresh food in plastic packaging. If you need to use a small plastic bag for loose fruit or vegetables, try to reuse it when you next go shopping.

Share the Journey

Taking action in solidarity with people fleeing war, persecution, natural disaster and poverty, Pope Francis has launched **Share the Journey**, a new global campaign for the rights of people on the move. He reminds us: "Christ asks us to welcome our brother and sister migrants and refugees with arms wide open". Join Bishop Mark at **Buckfast Abbey on Saturday 5 May 2018 at 1.00- 4.30pm** for a **Share the Journey Afternoon** to reflect, pray and find out how we can take action in solidarity with migrants and refugees. Be inspired by speakers Bishop Mark, Libby Abbott of CAFOD and Nick Hanrahan of Jesuit Refugee Service UK. Be resourced, share ideas and make plans. The **Share the Journey Exhibition** (first shown in the Houses of Parliament) will be at **Buckfast Abbey** for two weeks from **27 April until 13 May**. For further information contact mary.conway@prcdtr.org.uk or sgiarchi@cafod.org.uk

Exeter's Young Catholics

The next meeting of EYCC will be on Wednesday 18 April in the St Richard Reynolds Centre at 7.00pm. If you're aged 16 to 21 you are most welcome to join us.

Prayer and Praise evening

The next prayer & Praise evening will be held in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 26 April from 7.15-9.00pm

Charismatic prayer group

The next prayer group will be held in the St Richard Reynolds centre on Thursday 12 April from 7.15 – 9.00pm.

Resurrection Rock SVP Fundraiser

Peter Kelly was really passionate about linking St Nicholas School with the great local work of the SVP. The children are performing the Easter story in thanksgiving for Peter and a retiring collection will be made for the SVP. Please come along to Blessed Sacrament Church on Tuesday 24 April at 7.00pm to enjoy a musical evening using songs from Jesus Christ Superstar and Resurrection Rock to tell the wonderful Easter story.

Rosary on the Coast

Sunday 29 April

For faith, life and peace in the British Isles An opportunity to pray for a re-flourishing of faith across the British Isles as a New Spring Time within the Church, so that we Christians of these lands might spread the Gospel in its fullness in a renewed and joyous way. **We will join this prayer crusade on Exmouth Seafront at 3.00pm. We will meet at the Lifeboat Station by Maer rocks (2 large car parks nearby) at 2.30pm. Please make your own arrangements to get to Exmouth. If you can offer, or need a lift, please get in touch with the parish office. All welcome.** www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Catholic Children's Society News

Celebrate Ascension Thursday at Buckfast Abbey: join the Catholic Children's Society for the day on 10 May to raise funds for our local families in need. Mass will be celebrated at midday, followed by lunch and a talk from the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe. Tickets £25 to include lunch and a tour of the grounds or the Abbey. Call our office 01364 645420 or email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk for details.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form Sunday 15 April at 3.00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Adoremus

National Eucharistic Congress

Liverpool September 2018

Thousands of people from all around the country will come together for this Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress. The aims of the Congress are: to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration, encourage greater understanding and love for the Blessed Sacrament; provide resources for Eucharistic adoration in parishes and schools, better equip and form catechists and Extraordinary Ministers; confirm parish ministry around centrality of the Eucharist. Events will be held in parishes while the Congress takes place. More details to follow soon.

Congratulations...

to Jeanne Gaskell who celebrates her 95th birthday on Thursday 12 April. Mass will be offered for her on this day and will be followed by coffee and cake in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please join us in on the day and in wishing Jeanne many congratulations.

Run To The Son

Friday 22 to Sunday 24 June at Buckfast Abbey. A weekend of prayer and inspiration to help equip you for mission. A day of growth in discipleship led by Fr Oscar Ardila, a night vigil of prayer welcoming the dawn in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and sunrise Mass with Bishop Mark. Tickets £50 inclusive of food and camping facilities. (Other accommodation available at additional cost). Booking forms available online at www.buckfast.org.uk/run-to-the-son or contact St. Peter's parish Plymouth on 01752 701660.

Refreshments after Mass

St Richard Reynolds Centre after 10.30 Mass on Sunday and 9.30 Mass on Wednesday mornings. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat.

1115 group

Many thanks to those who came along last Thursday to the first of our meetings for the 11-15 age group. We look forward to seeing you again soon. Watch this space for the next date.

A Day with Mary

On Saturday 28 April at the Cathedral Church of SS Peter & Paul, Clifton park, Bristol starting at 10.00am. Details can be found on poster in the church porch.

Ladies Keep Fit Classes

Will re-commence on Tuesday 10 April following the Easter Break. Classes are held each Tuesday morning at 10.00am, at the Cardinal Newman Centre, Wonford Road, Exeter for the ladies of the Exeter Parishes. New members are always welcome to come along and try. Contact Maggie Nicholls on 01392 426683

Parish Evangelisation Team

will meet in the St Richard Reynolds Centre on Tuesday 10 April at 7.30pm after the 7.00pm Mass.

Urafiki Coffee Morning

St Richard Reynolds Centre Saturday 14 April from 10.00 till 12.00. All welcome.

Audio Visual in RRC

We're delighted that the new projector, screen and speakers have been installed in the St Richard Reynolds Centre. Please see Fr Jonathan to find out how to use it and to get access to the remote controls!

The Pope Tweets...

Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus' Resurrection, knowing he is always by our side.

The Pope's intentions for April

For those with responsibility in economic matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Masses

Sunday 8 April

Divine Mercy Sunday

9.00am *People of the parish*

10.30am

3.00pm Divine Mercy

Service in church

6.00pm

Monday 9 April

**The Annunciation
of the Lord**

7.30am Convent Mass

Tuesday 10 April

7.00pm

Wednesday 11 April

9.30am St Stanislaus

Special Intention

4.00pm RD&E Hospital

Thursday 12 April

9.30am

Jeanne Gaskell Birthday

Friday 13 April

No Convent Mass

9.30am

Saturday 14 April

9.30am

Sunday 15 April

9.00am

10.30am *People of the parish*

6.00pm

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**

Mondays 9.30am

Blessed Sacrament Church
except 9 & 23 April

Tuesdays 8.00pm

Mount St Mary Convent.

The Word

This Sunday 8 April

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm Response

*Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good,*

for his love has no end.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

Next Sunday 15 April

First Reading

Acts 3:13-15.17-19

Psalm Response

*Lift up the light of your face
on us, O Lord*

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5

Gospel *Luke 24:35-48*

Welcome

We hope you have a happy and peaceful time with us here in Exeter. Please ask one of the Welcomers or contact the parish office if we can help in any way.

Getting married?

Congratulations! Please give us at least six months' notice if you are planning to marry in the Church.

Newsletter

Deadline for newsletter items 4.00pm Wednesday. By phone or email.

Thank you

Collection Sunday

1 April £2196.79

Holy Places collection

Good Friday £438.49

Contact us

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